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Limerick Radio Club Rally

Note Revised Date! The Limerick Radio Club Annual Radio, Hobbies and Electronics Rally will be held on Sunday 29th March in the Radisson Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick, with doors opening at 11:00 am. All of the usual traders will be present and the Bring and Buy tables will be allocated on a first come first served basis. For further information and booking of tables, contact Ger EI4GXB at 087 2532512 ei4gxb@gmail.com or Simon Kenny kenmare32@eircom.net

ARE YOU GOING TO KILKENNY?

IRTS 83rd Annual Dinner & AGM
& SEARG Radio Rally 2015
Hotel Kilkenny, College Rd, Kilkenny
Saturday & Sunday The 25th & 26th Of April 2015

Saturday 25th
From 2pm To 5pm: Guest speakers will give talks on radio related topics
7:00pm: IRTS Annual dinner, music afterwards, admission by ticket only, tickets are now available!

Sunday 26th
From 11am To 2pm: SEARG Radio Rally & Electronics Fair 2015
All usual traders will be in attendance & some new traders as well
2pm: IRTS 2015 AGM- All paid up IRTS members welcome to attend

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IRTS Dinner and AGM

Tickets for the IRTS AGM dinner, to be held on Saturday 25th April, at 7pm, are now available from John Ronan EI7IG, via email on irtsagm@searg.com

From 2 pm to 5 pm, on Saturday 25thApril, workshop talks will be held in in the "City Suite" of Hotel Kilkenny. The following speakers will be in attendance: Paul O'Kane, EI5DI, – "Getting Started with Contesting", Dave Deane, EI9FBB, – Dxpeditioning on the Edge", Don Field, G3XTT, – "Spark to Space", Greg Mossup, G0DUB, – "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications – why me?"

SDR – With or Without PC

The ultimate Software Defined Radio has been released by Elad Communications via Martin Lynch and Sons in the UK. The FDM-Duo offers coverage in the Frequency range of 10 KHz to 54MHz with an output power of 5 watts on all bands. The transceiver can be operated without a PC using controls and a display on the front panel. Operation of data-modes is possible via the internal sound card that shows up as standard audio device on the PC. This is definitely the major innovation that all FT817 users have been waiting for. The FDM-Duo retails at £900.00 with free international shipping. See www.HamRadio.co.uk/fdmduo for more info.

Propagation Experiment

The RSGB Propagation Studies Committee is keen to encourage Radio Amateurs to take part in an experiment during the partial solar eclipse taking place on Friday the 20th of March. Depending on location, the UK will experience up to 89% totality. The eclipse will be evident in the midlands of the UK at about 08:25 UTC and ending at 10:41 UTC. More information about this experiment from www.g0kya.blogspot.com or http://forums.thersgb.org

AREN Meeting

AREN is planning to hold a meeting early in April at the Dromineer venue. Anyone interested in attending should contact either John Ronan EI7IG or Conor O'Neill EI4JN if they are interested in finding out more.

SDR Net - On the Move

The South Dublin Radio Club Net (SDR Net), which has been operating, for over 2 years, on 40 meters on a Sunday morning following the IRTS 40 Meter News, is on the move. It will now be on 7.123MHz +/- QRM and will run from 10 am to 11 am **prior** to the IRTS 40 Meter news. All EIs are welcome to call-in and it is hoped that by having a fixed time this change will afford other EIs, especially those that may be waiting for the IRTS News, an opportunity to join in and help expand both the coverage and participation in the SDR Net.

Contests

Contests - March 2015

WA7BNM Contest Calendar : **RSGB HF Contests** : **UKEICC Contests** : **IRTS Contests**

07 0000z, 48 hours – ARRL DX, SSB: work W/VE only, send Power, log State/Province
11 2000z, 90 mins – RSGB 80m CC, CW: exchange Serials, work UK only
14 1800z, 14 hours – Tesla Memorial 80m, CW: exchange Serials + Locators, work everyone
19 2000z, 90 mins – RSGB 80m CC, SSB: exchange Serials, work UK only
21 1200z, 24 hours – Russian DX, CW/SSB: 160-10m: exchange Serials, work everyone.
22 0700z, 04 hours – UBA Spring 80m, SSB: work ON only: send Serial,log ON Section.
25 2000z, 60 mins – UKEICC 80m : SSB: exchange Locators, e.g. IO63 : work everyone.
28 0000z, 18 hours – CQ WPX: SSB: 160-10m: exchange Serials: work everyone.
Every Wednesday – CWops Mini Contests: CW: three separate 60-minute contests

SD by EI5DI – free logging software for CW/SSB contests from **ei5di.com**